

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4475–S4523

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1950–1973, and S. Res. 263–264. **Pages S4504–05**

Measures Reported:

S. 1333, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals. (S. Rept. No. 116–49)

H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms. (S. Rept. No. 116–50)

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4477**

McConnell (for Romney) Amendment No. 861 (to Amendment No. 764), to provide that funds authorized by the Act are available for the defense of the Armed Forces and United States citizens against attack by foreign hostile forces. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 862 (to Amendment No. 861), to change the enactment date. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 863 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 764), to change the enactment date. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 864 (to Amendment No. 863), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4477**

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions,

McConnell Amendment No. 865, to change the enactment date. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 866 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 865), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 867 (to Amendment No. 866), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4477**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2019; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Monday, June 24, 2019, ripen at 12 noon, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. **Page S4477**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4520.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STATE OF THE DERIVATIVES MARKET AND CFTC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. Sexton,

National Futures Association, Chicago, Illinois; Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, and Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Joe Barker, CHS Hedging, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Alex J. Pollock, R Street Institute, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan M. Wachter, The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

PERSUASIVE TECHNOLOGY ON INTERNET PLATFORMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement, after receiving testimony from Tristan Harris, Center for Humane Technology, San Francisco, California; Maggie Stanphill, Google, Mountain View, California; Stephen Wolfram, Wolfram Research, Inc., Champaign, Illinois; and Rashida Richardson, New York University AI Now Institute, New York, New York.

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine technological innovations in transportation, after receiving testimony from Ann Schlenker, Director, Center for Transportation Research, Argonne National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Steve Ingracia, Nebraska Department of Transportation Deputy Director, Lincoln; Shailen P. Bhatt, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Washington, D.C.; Patrick Duffy, Blockchain in Transport Alliance, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Brent Hutto, Truckstop.com, Plymouth, Idaho.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, after receiving testimony from Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Chris French, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Lauren S. Imgrund, National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers,

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia; and Brian Yablonski, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, with an amendment;

S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1945, to amend section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) to preserve congressional review and oversight of foreign arms sales;

S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, with an amendment;

S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, with an amendment;

S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, with an amendment;

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-4);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–1);

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the “proposed Protocol”), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114–1);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–8); and

The nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 3456–3492; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 461 and 463 were introduced. **Pages H5165–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5168–69**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1199, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study regarding the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities (H. Rept. 116–127); and

H. Res. 462, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3401) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–128). **Pages H5164–65**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5079**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5088**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. James Merritt, Cross Pointe Church, Duluth, Georgia. **Page H5088**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H5089, H5163**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s

appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative Hill (AR). **Page H5090**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representative Smith (MO). **Page H5090**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representatives Fortenberry, Conaway, Smith (NE), Womack, Flores, Walorski, Rice (SC), and Mullin. **Page H5090**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H5099**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020: The House passed H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 408. Consideration began on Wednesday, June 19th. **Pages H5100–04**